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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. Claims 1 and 5-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Justman 4,280,742. Justman shows an attachment device for a ground drilling or cutting tool that enables cutting elements 31 to be movably secured to said tool, said cutting elements having an arm that has a longitudinal axis, a first surface defining a dowel hole 83, and an engagement surface that extends substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis, said attachment means including: a second surface on said tool upon which said first surface locates, defining a dowel hole aligned with the dowel hole in the first surface when said first and said second surfaces locate together, a dowel that locates in said first and said second dowel holes when the dowel holes are aligned with one another, an engagement surface on said tool that extends substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of said tool, and engages the engagement surface of said cutting element to resist side loads applied to said cutting element, and fastening means a plurality of threaded fasteners 25 having a preselected diameter, for securing said cutting element to said tool, threaded apertures defined in said second surface of said tool that are threadingly engaged by said threaded fasteners, said arm including walls that define through holes extending through said arm, to receive and locate said thread fasteners so as to threadably engage with said tool, and said through holes defined by said walls having a diameter that is larger than the diameter of said threaded fasteners,

such that there is a clearance between the walls and said threaded fasteners that minimizes shear load applied by said arm to said threaded fasteners (figs 1-4).

As concerns claim 5, Justman shows engagement surfaces define an interengaging recess and projection 37.

As concerns claim 6, Justman shows recess comprises a longitudinal channel 37.

As concerns claim 7, Justman shows said channel has a base that is parallel to one of said first and said second surfaces, and side walls that are substantially normal to said base (fig 2).

As concerns claim 8, Justman shows the projection has a shape complementary to the internal shape of said channel (fig 2).

As concerns claim 9, Justman shows channel is on said second surface 26.

As concerns claim 10, Justman shows the crating element also comprises arm includes a mounting box containing said first surface and said walls defining said through holes (fig 2).

As concerns claim 11, Justman shows fastening means comprises a plurality of threaded fasteners 67.

As concerns claim 12, Justman shows first surface defines apertures through which said bolts locate and threaded apertures defined in said second surface that are engaged by said bolts (fig 2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Justman 4,280,742 in view of Jones 2,189,040. Justman does not shows the cutting element comprises a conical roller cutter, but Jones shows a similar attachment device for a ground drilling or cutting tool that enables cutting elements 3 to be movably secured to said tool, said cutting elements having an arm that has a longitudinal axis, the cutting element comprises a conical roller cutter having an area and said first surface comprises a surface on the that is attached to said arm (fig 1-2). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Justman, as taught by Jones, to include either conical roller cutters to enhance the versatility of the cutting tool, thereby improving adaptability to varying environments.

As concerns claim 3, Justman 4,280,742 shows the dowel is normal to both said first and second surfaces (fig 2).

As concerns claim 4, Justman 4,280,742 there are at least two dowels 83.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 10/26/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., unusual clearance of cap screws) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification

are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas A. Beach whose telephone number is 571.272.6988. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Will can be reached on 571.272.6998. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571.273.8300.

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